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CLAIMS OF THE INVENTION**I claim:****1. ~~A football measuring device, comprising~~**

~~— a handle having a base and a leg upstanding from the base a distance of approximately 4 inches, which corresponds to the distance from the ground to approximately the center of the nose of the football, said handle having a major axis along the base perpendicular to the yard lines and not parallel as some other devices are; a chain segment having an end secured to the base of the handle through an aperture in a lower section of the leg adjacent the base;~~

~~— an extending bar releasably secured to an upper section of the leg away from the base, said bar extending parallel to the ground; and wherein said handle, said upright leg, said extending bar or any other part of the device does not have any dials, numbers or any sort of markings to designate where the device is at on the field.~~

1. (amended) A football measuring device, comprising

a handle having a base and a leg upstanding from the base a distance of approximately 4 inches, which corresponds to the distance from the ground to approximately the center of the nose of the football, said handle having a major axis along the base perpendicular to the yard lines and not parallel as some other devices are; a chain segment having an end secured to the base of the handle through an aperture in a lower section of the leg adjacent the base;

an extending bar releasably secured to an upper section of the leg away from the base, said bar extending parallel to the ground; and wherein said handle, said

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upright leg, said extending bar or any other part of the device does not have any dials, numbers or any sort of markings to designate where the device is at on the field.

~~2. A football measuring device according to claim 1 further comprising~~
~~— a removable alligator type clip placed on the chain segment to indicate the~~
~~distance along the chain length the extending bar is from the closest yard line.~~

2. (amended) A football measuring device according to claim 1 further comprising
a removable alligator type clip placed on the chain segment to indicate the
distance along the chain length the extending bar is from the closest yard line.

~~3. A method for determining the position of a football on a football playing field~~
~~having a pair of sidelines connected by a series of five yard lines and employing~~
~~a conventional measuring device consisting of a first and second marker~~
~~connected by a ten-yard long chain, the method comprising~~
~~— positioning a first marker of the conventional measuring device at a~~
~~position on a sideline corresponding to the position of the football on the field; —~~
~~— positioning a football measuring device adjacent the first marker, the~~
~~football measuring device comprising~~

~~a handle having a base and a leg upstanding from the base, the~~
~~handle having a major axis;~~
~~a chain segment having an end secured to the handle; and an~~
~~extending bar releasably secured to the leg perpendicular to~~

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- ~~the major axis of the handle;~~
~~the extending bar being positioned against the first marker;~~
~~stretching the chain segment taut in the direction of the five-yard line~~
~~nearest to the position of the football, and~~
~~placing an alligator type clip on the chain segment at a position~~
~~corresponding to the nearest five-yard line;~~
3. (amended) A method for determining the position of a football on a football playing field having a pair of sidelines connected by a series of five-yard lines and employing a conventional measuring device consisting of a first and second marker connected by a ten-yard long chain, the method comprising
- positioning a first marker of the conventional measuring device at a position on a sideline corresponding to the position of the football on the field;
- positioning a football measuring device adjacent the first marker, the football measuring device comprising
- a handle having a base and a leg upstanding from the base, the handle having a major axis;
- a chain segment having an end secured to the handle; and an extending bar releasably secured to the leg perpendicular to the major axis of the handle;
- the extending bar being positioned against the first marker;
- stretching the chain segment taut in the direction of the five-yard line nearest to the position of the football, and

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placing an alligator type clip on the chain segment at a position corresponding to the nearest five-yard line.

~~4. The method of claim 3, further comprising~~

~~moving the ball measuring device proximate the football,
aligning the alligator type clip with a second five yard line
corresponding to and ten yards distant from the first yard line;
stretching the chain segment taut parallel to the sideline; and
inspecting the position of the football with respect to the extending
bar.~~

4. (amended) The method of claim 3, further comprising

moving the ball measuring device proximate the football,
aligning the alligator type clip with a second five-yard line
corresponding to and ten yards distant from the first yard line;
stretching the chain segment taut parallel to the sideline; and
inspecting the position of the football with respect to the extending
bar.